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NITRO UPDATE

PICKERING, MO., FELON SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Pickering, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm. Today's sentencing, Graves said, is the result of an investigation completed by the NITRO Task Force.

Timothy Paul Frampton, 41, of Pickering, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning two years in federal prison without parole.

On May 24, 2004, **Frampton** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Frampton** admitted that he was in possession of a Stevens Little Scout .22-caliber rifle with no serial number, a Winchester .22-caliber rifle and a Remington Arms .243-caliber rifle between Jan. 1, 2003, and May 23, 2003, in Nodaway County, Mo., and Buchanan County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Frampton** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Nodaway County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Nodaway County, Mo., Prosecutor's Office and the NITRO Task Force. NITRO is the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation, a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county region.

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